That I and greatness were compelled to kiss :----------
The time shall come, thus did he follow it,
The time will come, that foul sin, gathering head,
Shall break into corruption:—so went on,
Foretelling this same time's condition,
And the division of our amity.

WAR. There is a history in all men's lives,
Figuring the nature of the times deceased:
The which observ'd, a man may prophecy,
With a near aim, of the main chance of things
As yet not come to life; which in their seeds,
And weak beginnings, lie intreasured.
Such things become the hatch and brood of time:
And, by the necessary form of this [4][5]
King Richard might create a perfect guess,
That great Northumberland, then false to him,
Would, of that seed, grow to a greater falseness;
Which should not find a ground to root upon,
Unless on you.

K. HEN. Are these things then necessities[5]? Then let us meet them like necessities[6]:—

* And, by the necessary form of THIS,] I think we might better read: « ~— the necessary form of *things*"
The word *this* has no very evident antecedent. JOHNSON.
If any change were wanting, I would read:
** And,, by the necessary form of *these*"
I. e. the *things* mentioned in the preceding line. STEEVENS.
" And, by the necessary form of *this*," is I apprehend to be understood *this* history of the times deceased. HENLEY.
[5] Are these THINGS THEN necessities?] I suspect that—things then are interpolated words. They corrupt the measure, do not improve the sense, and the anticipation of *then* diminishes the force of the same adverb in the following line. STEEVENS.
[6] Then let us meet them like NECESSITIES.] I am inclined to read:
" Then let us meet them like

necessity"
That is, with the resistless violence of
necessity: then comes
more aptly the following line:
** And that same *word* even now cries
out on us.*'
That is, the word *necessity,* JOHNSON,